



03500.103828.

PATENT APPLICATION

ITW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
:)
MAMORU TSUKADA)
:)
Application No.: 10/582,327)
:)
Int'l. Filing Date: December 24, 2004)
:)
For: PROBE SET AND METHOD)
FOR IDENTIFYING HLA)
ALLELE) October 26, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese document, together with an English-language abstract, is enclosed.

Japan 11-187900 is discussed at page 14 of the specification.

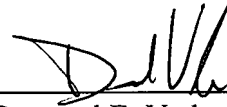
U.S. Patent No. 6,476,215 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 11-187900.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vadnais', is written over a horizontal line.

Damond E. Vadnais
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No.: 52,310

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3800
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200